TRAVANCORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THIRD COUNCIL.

FIRST SESSION, 1103.

(*OFFICIAL REPORT.*)

Wednesday the 8th August 1928/24th Karkatakam 1103.

The Council reassembled in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at Eleven-thirty-three of the Clock, the President presiding.

The following members were absent:—Rao Bahadur K. A. Krishna Aiyangar, Mr. J. Stephenson and Mr. L. A. Lampard.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Particulars re convicts who died of Pulmonary Tuberculosis in 1102.

36. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): With reference to the two convicts who died of pulmonary tuberculosis in the Central Prison during the year 1102, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the dates on which they were admitted into the Central Prison;

(*b*) the dates on which they reported sick in the hospital; and

(*c*) the dates on which they died.

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*) Only one convict died of pulmonary tuberculosis in the Central Prison during 1102. He was admitted into the Prison on the 21st Chingam 1102, and reported sick in the hospital on the 26th Chingam 1102. He died on the 3rd Vrischikam 1102.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): May I know from the member whether there is any information before the Government that the convict who was admitted into the Prison on the 21st Chingom 1102 was carefully examined on admission?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Under the General Rules he ought to be examined. There is no information, and if the member wants it, it will be called for.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): I am not talking of the General Rule. What I wish to know is whether there is any information before Government that this convict was carefully examined and reported upon before admission?

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MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): There is no information.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): May I know why he was not recommended for release under the Jail Rules?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Under the Jail Rules it is only in cases where the illness is of such a nature where there is a chance of his recovery that the Medical authorities make the recommendation.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): It is stated in the answer that the convict was suffering from Pulmonary Tuberculosis and he died on account of that. Will the member state what stood in the way of the man not being released?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Government have no information.

Particulars re certain subordinate posts in the Office of the Director of Registration.

37. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state the names and qualifications of the persons occupying the following places in the office of the Director of Registration, and, if any of these has fallen vacant, the name and qualification of the person recommended for the post :—

(*a*) Head Clerk;

(*b*) Head Accountant; and

(*c*) Head Record Keeper?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*) All the three places are now permanently vacant. Mr. M. Ramaswami Aiyar, clerk on Rs. 40 to 50 in the office of the Director of Registration, is now acting as Head Clerk. He holds the Secondary School Leaving Certificate and has passed the Registration Test (Higher) with honours.

Mr. S. Anantanarayana Aiyar, clerk on Rs. 40 to 50 is in charge of the duties of the Head Record Keeper. He has passed the Lower Secondary Examination and Registration Test (Higher).

Proposals for filling up the vacancy of Head Accountant and of the Head Record Keeper have come up to the Government and are now under consideration.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether the passing of the Registration Test Examination is considered to be an additional Examination qualification for promotion in the Department?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): It is not only an additional qualification but it is a qualification without which no promotion can be given.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): In view of the fact that all these appointments are temporary arrangements, will the Government scrutinise it properly before final orders are passed?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Certainly.

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